Functioning of Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal undertaking

1535. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that offices under Delhi Water Supply and Sewages Disposal Undertaking are observing Public Dealing timings from 9.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M. while working for 5 days in a week;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking and Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking are both under the control of Municipal Corporation of Delhi ;

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to ensure that public timings in two undertakings are uniform in future ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Both the undertakings i.e. Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking and Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking have been advised to examine the possibility of bringing uniformity in observing the public dealing timings.

Statement

The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that public dealing timings in ther zonal and divisional offices are from 2.00 P.M. to 5.00 PM for five days in a week. The bills of water chargres are accepted from 900 AM. to 3.00 PM during the five working days of the week. At Headquarters the public dealing timings are normally from 12.00 Noon to 1.00 PM. Otherwise nomrally office hours are from 9.00 AM to 5.30 PM.

THE DESU has reported that office timings are from 9.00 AM to 5.30 PM. and public dealing timings are from 9.00 to 1.00 PM. However, electricity bill collection offices are functioning from 8.30 AM to 2.00 PM.

Migration to Metropolitan areas

1536. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state ;

(a) what are Government's plans to reduce migration to metropolitan areas;

(b) whether Government propose to develop satellite towns near major urban centres;

(c) what are the plans for development of satellite towns in Andhra Pradesh ;

(d) whether any funds have been provided for this purpose in Eighth five year plan for Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details of funds earmarked for all urban development projects in Eighth Five Year plan in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) With a view to reducing migration into Delhi, the National Capital Region Plan has been drawn up which envisages development of certain towns in the adjoining States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan to act as counter-magnet towns. The responsibility for drawing up plans for reducing migration in other metropolitan areas is that of the respective State Governments.

(c) to (e) The plans for development of Satellite towns in Andhra Pradesh have to be drawn up by the respective development authorities in the State and the State Government and development of such satellite towns are to be taken by the Government of Andhra Pradesh within the funds allocated by the Planning Commission in their State Plan. There is no specific funds earnmarked in the Central Government Budget for the development of satellite towns in Andhra Pradesh.

Seminar organised by Institute of Town Planners, India at New Delhi

1537. SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Seminar was organised recently by the Institute of Town Planners, India (ITPI) at New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether it was recommended by the Seminar to allow private sector participation in the planning and development of housing settlements in the country;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether Government propose to assign the task of housing development to the private sector ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The 40th Annual Town and Country Planning Seminar was held at Pune from 15-17 Jan., 1992 on the Main Theme, "Settlement Planning-Concepts and Systems".

(b) One of the workshops was devoted to Public and Private sector participation. One of the recommendations of the Seminar states that Participation of both public and private sector in the spatial development process is necessary but it should be conflict free.

(c) to (e) The revised draft National Housing Policy envisage encouraging the involvement of licenced private developers in land development, construction and infrastructure provision with adequate legal safeguards.

Racket in the allotment of Dwaraka Housing Project

1538. SHRI KRISHNA KUAMR BIRLA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have initiated an inquiry into the alleged racket in the allotment of Dwarka Housing Project and for failure to protect substantial area of land from encroachment;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the inquiry ; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) While there has been criticism of encroachment and faulty Planning, no inquiry has been initiated by the Government since there is no prima facie evidence of racket in the allotments in the Dwarka Housing Project. Encroachments in the Project area are being dealt with in accordance with the provisions of law.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of control room in DDA to deal with encroachments

1539. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the DDA has issued a Notice on 17-2-92 advising people of Delhi regarding setting up of a Contorl Room to deal with the problem of encroachments on DDA land;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the details of action to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether DDA proposes to involve the site staff of DDA to check encroachments on DDA Land;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what action is proposed to be taken against DDA site staff who are reponsible for illegal encroachments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is reported by Delhi Development Authority that a Control Room has been set up in DDA for reviewing complaints from the public on all working days including holidays like Saturdays and Sundays to supplement the efforts of DDA's field staff in this regard.

(c) Complaints received are passed on to the competent authority for initiating action for removal of encroachments as per law.

(d) and (e) Site staff viz. guards, patwaries, field investigators, junior engineers etc. have been deployed to report the encroachments so that immediate action can be taken to remove the same.

(f) DDA reports that cases where the irregularities regarding collusion of DDA site staff responsible for illegal encroachments come to notice, action is taken under the rules.